III. REMARKS

1. Claims 1-16 stand allowed. Claims 17-32 are presented for further consideration.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

A check in the amount of $1516.00 ($790 + $726) is enclosed for the RCE and the additional claims fee. This amendment includes (12) extra claims and (3) additional independent claims, which results in an additional claims fee of $1,200. However, part of the additional claims fee was paid with the response submitted on September 28, 2004. That response included a check in the amount of $474 for the additional claims being presented with the amendment. (A copy of cancelled check #25074 is enclosed herewith.) However, the new claims 17-32 being presented with the amendment of September 28, 2004 were **not entered** by the Examiner. This RCE represents those claims.

Thus only **the difference** between the total fee due today ($1,200), and the fees previously paid ($474), is being submitted herewith (**$726**). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

Respectfully submitted,

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